

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested.

By way of the amendment instructions above, claim 1 has been amended so as to include the subject matter of claim 4. Claim 4 has therefore been canceled as redundant. Various other amendments have also been made so as to conform the claims to the amended version of claim 1. Claim 12 has been canceled so as to obviate 35 USC §101 issues.

Therefore, since the amended version of claim 1 defines subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner, all issues raised in the Official Action have been mooted. Accordingly, claim 1 and all other pending claims dependent directly or indirectly therefrom are in condition for allowance.

**Fee Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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